

**MINUTES OF THE
NATIVE AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE**
Thursday, November 18, 1999 - 9:00 a.m. - Room 405 - State Capitol

Members Present:

Rep. M. Keele Johnson, Cochair
Sen. Millie M. Peterson
Sen. Pete Suazo
Sen. R. Mont Evans
Rep. Eli H. Anderson
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Jack A. Seitz

Members Excused:

Sen. Beverly Ann Evans, Cochair
Rep. Susan J. Koehn
Rep. Jordan Tanner

Staff Present:

John Q. Cannon, III,
Research Analyst
Patricia Owen,
Associate General Counsel
Vanessa Thompson,
Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Call to Order - Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

2. Committee Business -

MOTION: Sen. Suazo moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 1999 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Anderson and Sen. M. Evans absent for the vote.

Sen. Suazo presented for committee information draft legislation titled "Native American Coordinating Board."

3. Navajo Revitalization Fund - Mr. Keith Burnett, Department of Community & Economic Development, and Mr. John Harja, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, presented "Navajo Revitalization Fund - Legislative Report November 1999." Commissioner Mark Maryboy, San Juan County, discussed infrastructure improvements on the reservation from the Navajo Revitalization Fund. Committee discussion followed.

4. State Tax Issues and Tribal Relations - Ms. Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, distributed and discussed the following handouts: "Basics of Motor Fuel Tax and Dual Tax on Motor Fuel," "Basics of Hotel Occupancy Taxes and Dual Tax on Hotel Occupancy," and "Title 59 Sales and Use Tax Authorities."

Ms. Amy Alderman, Attorney, Navajo Tax Commission, discussed dual taxation. She noted the tax situations in Arizona and New Mexico.

Mr. John Harja, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, discussed current negotiations between the governor's office and the Navajo Nation.

Committee discussion followed.

5. Utah Navajo Trust Fund - Mr. John Cannon, Research Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, discussed draft legislation titled, "Navajo Trust Fund Amendments."

Mr. Ed Alter, Utah State Treasurer, Board of Trustees, Utah Navajo Trust Fund, distributed and discussed a packet of information regarding the Trust Fund.

Mr. Larry Rodgers, Trust Administrator, Utah Navajo Trust Fund, presented the annual report for the Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

Commissioner Maryboy spoke to the committee about further development of the Utah side of the Navajo reservation and the Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

Ms. Maryleen Tahy, Blue Mountain Dine, discussed issues of San Juan County Navajos living off the reservation.

Committee discussion followed.

6. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the Navajo Nation - Mr. Alex Yazza, Director, TANF Project, Navajo Nation, and Commissioner Maryboy spoke to the committee about TANF. Mr. Yazza distributed "Proposal For Navajo Legislation, Workforce Services," and "Navajo Nation Funding Proposal to the Utah State Legislature."

Ms. Helen Thatcher and Mr. Jeff LeSeur, Department of Workforce Services, answered questions from the committee regarding TANF and the Navajo proposal.

Committee discussion followed.

Mr. Cannon distributed "Select Resources for Native American Background Information" as a reference sheet for tribal information.

7. Adjourn -

Rep. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.